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31.—*The New American Cyclopædia: a Popular Dictionary of General Knowledge.* Edited by GEORGE RIPLEY AND CHARLES A. DANA. Vol. IV. *Brownson—Chartres.* New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1858. 8vo. pp. 766.

WE can only reiterate, with even stronger emphasis, the commendation which we have twice given of this work. The fourth volume contains, we think, a greater number of articles that bear the character of elaborate treatises than either of the preceding; and in our examination of its pages we miss no title that deserves a place, and find no traces of a slackened hand on the part of editors or collaborators. In our last number we gave voice to a complaint that had been made to us, of the omission of accents in foreign names. On examination we find that this omission seldom occurs, except where the established usages of the press sanction it in a particular type, or in the case of those Oriental names in which the accents are often arbitrarily inserted, and with no uniformity of practice.

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32.—*Arabian Days' Entertainments.* Translated from the German, by HERBERT PELHAM CURTIS. Boston: Phillips, Sampson, & Co. 1858. 12mo. pp. 434.

WE have here a collection of stories hardly less weird, wild, rich, and fascinating, than those of the "Arabian Nights." We suppose them of German authorship; but they are thoroughly Oriental in tone and coloring. They will be the fresh joy of children, and will revive in their elders the gorgeous forms, the fascinating horrors, the dazzling visions, the preternatural made natural, which took so strong and enduring hold on the imagination in their early days. The book came to hand just as we were closing our labor for the quarter; but the stroke of midnight could not persuade us to drop it. It will be eagerly read, and warmly appreciated, by young and old. The translation is admirably executed,—so well that it bears all the best marks of original authorship; and aptly designed and finely engraved illustrations enhance the interest and worth of as charming a gift-book as the holiday season can furnish.

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33.—*Struggles of the Early Christians, from the Days of our Saviour to the Reign of Constantine.* With an Introduction by REV. F. D. HUNTINGTON, D. D. Boston: John P. Jewett & Co. 1858. 12mo. pp. 147.

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